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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No.	49721/61202
First Inventor	Ronald F. HARTUNG et al.
Title	Process for treatment of mineral clay slurry
Express Mail Label No.	EL 794581102 US

APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

- Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
- Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
- Specification [Total Pages 13]
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 - Descriptive title of the invention
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 - Statement Regarding Fed Sponsored R & D
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 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
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- Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 2]
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 - Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
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Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) name in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
- Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

- Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
- 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement Power of (when there is an assignee) Attorney
- English Translation Document (if applicable)
- Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS Citations
- Preliminary Amendment
- Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized)
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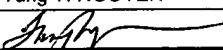
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FEE TRANSMITTAL

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Total Claims	Independent Claims	Multiple Dependent	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
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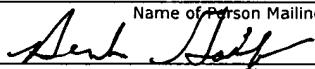
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Re: **New U.S. Patent Application Transmittal**
For: **PROCESS FOR TREATMENT OF MINERAL CLAY SLURRY**
By: **Ronald F. HARTUNG, John M. KEATING,
and T. Michael CHANCEY**
Attorney Docket No.: 49721/61202

Dear Sir:

This Utility Patent Application Transmittal is submitted in connection with a PROCESS FOR TREATMENT OF MINERAL CLAY SLURRY, by Ronald F. HARTUNG, John M. KEATING, and T. Michael CHANCEY, inventors, and is related to U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/428,433 filed November 22, 2002:

Enclosed herewith are the following:

APPLICATION ELEMENTS:

- 1) A duplicate copy of this Transmittal Letter (containing a breakdown of amount of fees due and authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 18-1260);
- 2) Specification (13 pages, including 21 claims and an abstract);
- 3) Drawings (Figs. 1-2, 2 sheets);
- 4) Unexecuted Declaration and Power of Attorney (4 pages);
- 5) Form PTO/SB05, Utility Patent Application Transmittal (1 page); and
- 6) Form PTO/SB/17, Fee Transmittal for FY 2003, with authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 18-1260, 1 page in duplicate).

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ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS:

1) Information Disclosure Statement (pages), with PTO Form-1449 (1 page) and one copy of each cited reference (total references: 17).

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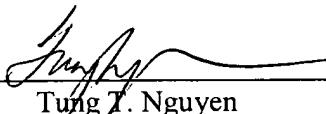
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